

69 Fleet Street

PENNY BLACK

By DON HOUSEWORTH

THE shades who inhabit the premises at 69 Fleet street, in the city of London, were augmented by one the other day and tonight there is to be a great celebration in the building after the last clerk has closed his desk and locked the front door. The late Mr. E. G. Harmer, whom the philatelic world is mourning because it doesn't understand that the world-famous stamp auctioneer is in the most pleasant company imaginable, will be among those spirits at tonight's gathering.

Engravers and artists, stamp collectors and stamp dealers, authors of books about stamps and, well, virtually every spirit whose mortal days were bound up in postage stamps, will be at the grand reunion in Fleet street tonight. They get together every year on May 1 in tribute to that occasion, now ninety-seven years gone, when the first postage stamps were placed on sale. For, if you don't know, 69 Fleet street was the home of Perkins, Bacon & Company, Ltd., engravers and printers to the king. It is also the home, of later years, of Mr. Harmer's auction rooms. Stamp history? Why, the place is literally steeped in the traditions of philately.

Yes, it was ninety-seven years ago that two beautiful little picture stamps were placed on sale in London and the name of Perkins, Bacon & Company, Ltd., immortalized. One of the stamps was black, one was blue and both bore the identical portraits of a lovely young woman whose features were to grace the stamps of the British empire for sixty years—Queen Victoria.

That design was adopted after 2,700 others had been submitted and rejected and was patterned after a medal and portrait that had been executed by William Wyon, chief engraver to the English mint and one of the leading men of his craft. Henry Corbould adapted the portrait for the stamp design. Charles Heath is believed to have been the engraver.

As a protection to the government against forgers several novel features were worked out by the printers both in design

and paper. The artistic engine-turned background of the design was one precaution. The letters of the alphabet, appearing in the lower corners, was another. To have successfully forged any quantity of the 1d blacks, for instance, it would have been necessary for the criminals to have reproduced every one of the 480 check-letters used in the finished plate.

This lettering of the stamps, incidentally, keys them into position on the sheet and one of the great pleasures of collecting English stamps has been the replating of the early issues. The dia-

gram on this page illustrates just how each stamp fitted into the plate and how it is possible to pick up a penny black today and say definitely what its original position was in the sheet.

Watermarked paper was not new at the time the first stamps were produced and the printers adopted it for postage use. Only once since that time has Great Britain released an issue of stamps on unwatermarked paper and that was protected against reproduction by silk threads.

In each of the four corners of the printing plate was the inscription:

"Price 1d per label; 1s per row of 12; £1 0s 0d per sheet. Place the Labels ABOVE the Address and towards the RIGHT-HAND SIDE of the Letter. In wetting the Back be careful not to remove the Cement."

The perforating machine was unknown in 1840 so it was necessary to remove those first stamps from the large sheets by cutting.

Gibbons' Catalogue lists the following shades of the 1d: intense black, black and gray-black from a worn plate. Recognized varieties are: Bleute paper; double letter in corner; re-entry; large letters in each corner; guide line in corner; guide line through value; watermark inverted; reconstructed plate of 240 stamps; obliterations in red, black, blue, violet, orange and yellow Maltese Crosses; number (1 to 12) in Maltese Cross; town obliterations in black and yellow; penny post obliteration in black and cancellation of 1844 in black.

First day sale of the labels was officially announced for May 6 but Rowland Hill, whose genius was the father of penny postage and its prepayment, recorded that selling began on May 1 and that the London stamp office enjoyed a \$12,500 business the opening day. Production could scarcely keep pace with the public demand although the Perkins plant went at the task with night and day shifts. Eleven plates were used.

A limited number of the 1d black was produced for the use

PLATING THE 1D BLACK

AA	AB	AC	AD	AE	AF	AG	AH	AI	AJ	AK	AL
BA	BB	BC	BD	BE	BF	BG	BH	BI	BJ	BK	BL
CA	CB	CC	CD	CE	CF	CG	CH	CI	CJ	CK	CL
DA	DB	DC	DD	DE	DF	DG	DH	DI	DJ	DK	DL
EA	EB	EC	ED	EE	EF	EG	EH	EI	EJ	EK	EL
FA	FB	FC	FD	FE	FF	FG	FH	FI	FJ	FK	FL
GA	GB	GC	GD	GE	GF	GG	GH	GI	GJ	GK	GL
HA	HB	HC	HD	HE	HF	HG	HH	HI	HJ	HK	HL
IA	IB	IC	ID	IE	IF	IG	IH	II	IJ	IK	IL
JA	JB	JC	JD	JE	JF	JG	JH	JI	JJ	JK	JL
KA	KB	KC	KD	KE	KF	KG	KH	KI	KJ	KK	KL
LA	LB	LC	LD	LE	LF	LG	LH	LI	LJ	LK	LL
MA	MB	MC	MD	ME	MF	MG	MH	MI	MJ	MK	ML
NA	NB	NC	ND	NE	NF	NG	NH	NI	NJ	NK	NL
OA	OB	OC	OD	OE	OF	OG	OH	OI	OJ	OK	OL
PA	PB	PC	PD	PE	PF	PG	PH	PI	PJ	PK	PL
QA	QB	QC	QD	QE	QF	QG	QH	QI	QJ	QK	QL
RA	RB	RC	RD	RE	RF	RG	RH	RI	RJ	RK	RL
SA	SB	SC	SD	SE	SF	SG	SH	SI	SJ	SK	SL
TA	TB	TC	TD	TE	TF	TG	TH	TI	TJ	TK	TL

The above diagram indicates the position of each stamp in the sheet. Each double initial represents the bottom, left and right, tablets of one stamp. It will be seen that the right letter keys across the sheet while the left letter keys in a vertical line.

of government departments and these differed from those offered the public in the boxes at the upper corners. The official stamps bore the letters V and R. The stamps never were placed in regular use.

The 2d stamp differed from its mate only in the value inscription, color and the instructions on the margin of sheets which computed the value of the stamps. Two plates were used.

In England today dealers and speculators are buying penny blocks. They look forward to the day three years hence when the 100th anniversary of the birth of the postage stamp will claim untold lines of publicity in newspapers and magazines in every portion of the civilized world. They anticipate a tremendous demand for the little black labels and are making hay while the sun shines.

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Public Demands It

Newfoundland comes in for a sound tongue lashing on the subject of Coronation stamps in the current number of the Philatelic Journal of Great Britain in which Gerald W. Bentley keeps track of new and impending issues. Mr. Bentley received a letter from John Dickinson & Company, Ltd., London, revealing that firm as the printers of the eleven "after thought" Coronations for the oldest British colony in North America and he was so astonished that he had to express himself on the subject of Newfoundland stamps in general and this fourteen-act program in particular.

"We thought that the whole business had an ancient and fish-like smell," he writes, "but we came across a letter in 'Stamp Collecting' which explains matters. It is from their correspondent at St. Johns and is an extract from a statement made to the Rotary Club there by Mr. Frazer, secretary of posts and telegraphs to the Newfoundland government. He says, 'It would not have satisfied the public to have had the design limited to the 2, 4 and 5 cents values, and that with a design common to the crown colonies.'

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In October 1866 the queen issued a decree concerning the book and within six months the postmaster general had ordered copies distributed to the 24,313 common schools in Spain. Further it was decided to grant the publisher the right to deliver the book by mail at no cost for a period of six months following Jan. 1, 1869. And therein lies a story.

Near the end of the pages in the Standard Catalogue that are devoted to Spanish emissions are two illustrations of what are known as franchise stamps. We are interested in type F1, an imperforate blue thing of unattractive appearance, which lists at \$2 for an unused copy or \$12.50 for one postally used. It is listed as of issue in 1869.

That stamp was produced by the author of the postal directory in order to take advantage of the frank offered by the postmaster general. So it was and still is, for that matter, really a privately issued label recognized by the government for a limited use. Used copies are the desirable ones, naturally, and hence the greater value placed upon them by the catalogue publishers.

The "Canberra" Stamp

Australia's Canberra commemorative stamp came into the world on May 9, 1927, under most unpromising conditions and perhaps that is the reason it has failed to gain much in the way of financial standing. Australian philatelists did not take kindly to the design intended to call world attention to



the new capital city of the commonwealth and dubbed the stamp the "Canberra" label. Wags even went so far as to draw caricatures of the adhesive by substituting a chimney for one of the flagpoles, a beer barrel for the shield and a sheaf of hops for the spray in Miss Australia's hand.

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Your Washington Correspondent

BY CHARLES A. KENNY
The Washington Times Stamp Editor

According to a release from the Division of Stamps, Post Office Department, Postmaster General James A. Farley, has approved the issuance of a special souvenir sheet in compliment to the convention of the Society of Philatelic Americans, which will be held at Asheville, N. C., August 26 to 28.

Other than the announcement that the sheet would be printed, no other details were forthcoming. Whether or not a specially designed stamp will be issued for the affair will not be known until officially released by the Post Office Department. The same applies to the denomination and the size of the sheet.

There is the possibility that some particular event relative to the State

of North Carolina may be the subject matter for design, and then again, some national event may be the topic of design for the special sheet.

A commemorative to "Old Ironsides" may be used, although one guess is as good as another as far as the Post Office plans are concerned. It is known, however, that the officials of the P. O. are friendly to an "Old Ironsides" stamp, and it may be at this time that such a stamp may come to be.

The issuance of a special souvenir sheet marks the seventh time such a compliment has been afforded a philatelic event and the first for the Society of Philatelic Americans.

The following is the list of former souvenir sheets that have been issued:—White Plains, 1926. A sheet of 25 stamps, 2-cent denomination. Issued in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Battle of White Plains (N. Y.). International Philatelic Exposition (IPEX), October 16-23, 1926.

Century of Progress, 1933. Two sheets of 25 stamps. 1-cent and 3-cent denominations. "Century of Progress" International Exhibition at Chicago. American Philatelic Society Convention and Exhibition. Issued Aug. 25, 1933. Byrd Imperforate, 1934. A sheet of six. 3-cent denomination. The National Stamp Exhibition of 1934, New York City. Issued Feb. 10, 1934.

National Park, 1934. A sheet of six. 3-cent denomination. American Philatelic Society Convention and Exhibition at Atlantic City, N. J. Issued Aug. 28, 1934.

National Park, 1934. A sheet of six. 1-cent denomination. Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Exposition and Convention, Omaha, Nebr. Issued Oct. 10, 1934.

TIPEX, 1936. A sheet of four varieties. 3-cent denomination, one each of Connecticut, San Diego, Michigan and Texas. Third International Philatelic Exhibition, New York City. Issued May 9, 1936.

There is nothing new on the 5-cent Army and Navy series. On Wednesday, April 21, the design for these stamps had not been submitted for approval. Contrary to the comment filed last week by Your Washington Correspondent, both stamps will be issued the same day, from the respective academies.

The artist invited to submit designs for the 5-cent Army and Navy commemoratives is Stephan Dohanos, who studied art at the Cleveland School of Art. He is a native of Ohio, and is of Hungarian parentage.

James Waldo Fawcett, in The Washington Star, writes the "beautiful buildings in the Capital which, as William Shradler long ago suggested, might be adapted to stamp designs with commendable effect."

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645...07	682...06	725...06 735...10
646...09	683...08	726...05 735S...15
647...20	688...07	727...05 736...06
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AUSTRALIA

The 1d. and 2d. values of the new regular series, which will replace the current Georgian issue, will be issued early in May. The design of the 1d. value incorporates a portrait of Queen Elizabeth and that of the 2d. of King George VI. The stamps will not be of a commemorative character and other denominations will appear later, some of the designs including royal portraits.

PAPUA

By courtesy of the Australian Stamp Monthly, I have seen an advance copy of the 2d. denomination of the Papuan Coronation set. The design, which is the same for all values, bears a striking resemblance to the King Edward VIII stamps of Great Britain, and are of the same shape and size. The word "PAPUA" in white block letters appears at the top of the stamps, "Coronation of King George VI" in two lines, at the bottom and "postage" and the value are situated at both sides of the king's neck. The

denominations are: 1d., 2d., 3d. and 5d. The stamps are recess printed, on unwatermarked white paper and perforated 11.

NEW GUINEA

The same design as for Papua has been adopted for the New Guinea Coronation issue (excepting the name of country). The values for this set are 2d., 3d., 5d. and 1/-.

NAURU

Values of the Nauru Coronation set are: 1½d., 2d., 2½d. and 1/-. The design is the same as for Papua and New Guinea but with the word NAURU at top.

NEW ZEALAND

The design of the Coronation set contains, besides the portraits of their majesties, also the date 12th May, 1937, below the words "New Zealand" and the arms of the dominion are in the bottom center, with "Postage &" at left and "Revenue" at right. The initial printing consists of 60,000,000 for the 1d., 2,000,000 for the 2½d. and 3,000,000 for the 6d. Quantities to be overprinted for Niue and Cook Islands are not known yet. The stamps will be placed on sale between the 12th and 15th of May, the exact date depending on the date of the public holidays to be held in connection with the Coronation.

Pan American Airways, which have signed an agreement with the New Zealand government, hope to make the journey from San Francisco to Auckland in three to four days. It will maintain a fortnightly schedule to begin with, later developing a weekly service. The regular service on this 4400 mile route will begin by Dec. 31. Thus another link is added to the chain of airways, spanning the world.

COOK ISLANDS

The Coronation set, fully described in my previous Notes, will be issued on June the first.

NIUE

The date of issue for the Niue Coronation set will be the same as that for New Zealand.

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THE CANADA COLUMN

We are continuing our listing of fine Canada from "The Canada Column" on pages 317 and 353 of March 13th and March 27th issues of Linn's. Fill in those vacant spaces as stocks of these issues are dwindling rapidly. Latest B. N. A. Lists sent for 3c postage.

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122a	2c	Thin Paper	.32	.08
123	3c	Carmine	.20	.05
124	4c	Olive Bistre	.32	.08
125	5c	Violet	.28	.07
125a	5c	Thin Paper	.40	.02
126	10c	Blue	.56	.14
127	1c	Orange	5.00	1.25
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147	12c	Green	.64	.16
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			8.20	2.10
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The use of red ink in postmarking English penny blacks probably cost the government a pretty penny before it was discovered by authorities that the canceling ink could be readily removed and the stamps used as postage a second time. It was almost a year before postmasters were ordered to substitute black for the red postmarks.

The type of cancelation device generally used throughout the British Isles for obliteration of stamps was a Maltese Cross and postmasters were instructed to prepare the canceling ink from one pound of printer's red ink; one pint of linseed oil, and a half pint of the droppings of sweet oil, all thoroughly mixed. Preparation of the ink in so many different offices naturally resulted in shades which are of considerable interest today.

Dealer Moves

Lincoln Russell, Columbus, Ohio, postage stamp dealer, has just opened a ground floor shop adjoining the entrance to the Virginia Hotel. Mr. Russell has been located at 44 East Broad street and his new address is 42 North Third street. He will continue to handle a mail business in addition to counter trade.

First Precancel

"The first precancel of which we are entirely sure," says the Precancel Bee, "is the 3-cent 1857 precanceled at Cumberland, Maine, in 1858 or 1859. Those supposed to be earlier are either not precancels or the date is not known. No earlier European precancels are known."

Second Printing Ordered

A complete sellout of the first printing of the 1937 edition of the United States Specialized Catalogue of First Day Covers has been reported by the publishers. A second printing is being made.

"Swap" Day At Dallas

The Pan American Exposition at Dallas has designated June 22 as Stamp Collectors' day and devotees of the hobby throughout the Southwest are expected to gather at the fair for the biggest "swap" day ever staged in this country. The auditorium of the Texas hall of state will be turned over to the traders and collectors.

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Bahamas	12c	20c	20c
Basutoland	15c	20c	20c
Bechuanaland	15c	20c	20c
Bermuda	15c	20c	17c
Br. Guiana	15c	20c	20c
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Br. Solomon Is.	15c	30c	20c
Cayman Is.	14c	18c	17c
Ceylon	15c	20c	17c
Cyprus	15c	20c	17c
Dominica	15c	20c	18c
Falkland Is.	12c	20c	15c
Fiji	15c	20c	20c
Gambia	14c	20c	18c
Gibraltar	14c	20c	18c
Gilbert & Ellice Is.	15c	35c	30c
Gold Coast	15c	20c	15c
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Jamaica	13c	30c	16c
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Leeward Is.	14c	20c	20c
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Nigeria	15c	20c	15c
N. Rhodesia	17c	20c	15c
Nyasaland	12c	18c	15c
St. Helena	15c	30c	20c
St. Kitts	14c	20c	20c
St. Lucia	14c	20c	15c
St. Vincent	15c	20c	18c
Seychelles	15c	30c	20c
Sierra Leone	15c	20c	16c
Somaliland	15c	30c	20c
Straits	15c	20c	15c
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The death of President Wilson occurred while post offices throughout the country still had on hand stocks of the Harding memorial issue and the post office department felt there should not be two such issues on sale at the same time. Requests for a Wilson stamp went unheeded until President Coolidge forced the issue and the father of the League of Nations was given a place on a newly created denomination of the regular 1922 series. At that time the 17-cent stamp came into use primarily for the prepayment of the fee on a registered letter.

The model for the portrait was a photograph selected by Mrs. Wilson and Norman Davis, president of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation. It was said to have been a favorite with the late president. J. Eissler and E. M. Hall of the bureau of engraving and printing were the engravers. C. A. Huston made the design.

Through the years this stamp has been relatively scarce in the mails and is less commonly seen than any value below the \$2 stamp. There are no varieties of importance.

Mail to Arctic

Permission to establish a ship's post office and to carry mail aboard the three-masted schooner General A. W. Greely is to be granted the MacGregor Arctic Expedition, sponsors of the project say. The ship will sail in June for a two-year study of meteorological conditions in the polar regions. Postcards, appropriately cacheted, are to be canceled aboard the ship when it reaches Fort Conger on Ellesmere Island, a point used as an expedition base by General Greely for his polar expedition of 1881. Cards will not be returned to this country until late in 1938. The 4-cent Navy stamp, depicting Admiral Schley, who rescued Greely, will be used on the cards.

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The stamps of Danzig, Memel, Saar, Allenstein, Marienwerder, Schleswig and Upper Silesia are included in an excellent specialized catalogue just issued by the Cross Stamp Company, Newark, N.J. The booklet follows up the company program of entirely renumbering and relisting European stamps, begun with books on Germany, Czechoslovakia and Eastern Silesia. Austria will be the next subject.

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Editor's Comment

THE OUTLOOK FOR PHILATELY I have just received a long letter from a stamp dealer in Hungary who is so fearful of an impending depression in the field of postage stamp collecting that he is considering the liquidation of his stock and asks for advice on the American situation. He bases his fears, to a large extent, on the fact that certain European wholesalers seem to be losing out in the American market. He also believes that prices have reached the peak and are due for a radical decline.

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I think this man is unduly alarmed over the world situation. He is located in an unfavorable market that is being influenced by governmental economic policies. The conditions surrounding his shop are so discouraging he is unable to see the rosier light a few miles away. Governmental restrictions on the movement of money in several central European countries cannot work to the advantage of those types of business which are international in scope. Sooner or later these restrictions must be loosened. Postage stamp collecting, as one of the major hobbies of the world, will never again be permitted to wane so long as millions of dollars are tied up in the stocks of enterprising dealers. They will make a market, they will recruit two collectors for every one who falls by the wayside. Stamp dealing is big business.

The situation in America is healthy. The hobby is reaching into new homes every day. Level-headed dealers are holding the market on an even keel. In the background we have a speculation fever but I cannot view this tendency with the same alarm as some contemporary observers. I cannot condone this buying of sheets of United States stamps by every Tom, Dick and Harry and I believe the great majority will be disappointed when they get ready to cash in on their "investment" but as for wrecking the financial structure of the hobby through unloading of these small individual hoardings—phooey! The men who have the real money tied up in holdings of that sort have too much at stake to take any chances on radical price upsets.

It does seem that some prices of both United States and foreign stamps are too high but these already are being adjusted quietly. Anyone who has sense enough to pound sand in a rat hole knows that the market narrows with every increase in stamp quotations and that it is mighty poor business to outdistance the general pocketbook.

Keep your eye on the years 1940 and 1941. The centenary of the first postage stamp is going to be so widely publicized that dealers will be unable to supply the demand for certain items and the recruits to philately will be innumerable.

—Don Houseworth.

WHAT AND WHERE Where and
IS TONNOU TOUVA? what is Tan-
nou Touva?

Does such a state exist in the desolate reaches where Europe leaves off and Asia begins, or is it a mythical thing like Atlantis? Do the stamps purporting to emerge from that mysterious place have a monetary value or do these labels spurt from a printing press in the city of Moscow? If the Universal Postal Union does not recognize the stamps, then why do the United States and English post office departments deliver mail franked with the zoological labels?

Questions, questions, questions. Stamp collectors are naturally curious and since these Tannou Touva items made their appearance in this country several years ago there has been much speculation as to their status. The editors of the Standard Catalogue have seen fit to withhold recognition until they are satisfied the stamps are legitimate, yet in a recent

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book, "The Animals on Postage Stamps," published and copyrighted by the Scott company, no less than six of these adhesives are illustrated as examples of animals on "postage stamps." So the catalogue people both accept and reject.

A collector who entertained a deep interest in stamp designs featuring railroad equipment wrote Russian representatives in New York for information relative to the passenger train pictured on the 1936 issue. He was told there were no railroads in that corner of the world and that no information was available about the country itself.

Now comes the Philatelic Magazine of London and attempts to pierce the veil. The magazine suggests, as does the firm of Gibbons, that the postmarks on Touva mail are applied in Moscow and that mail addressed to Tannou Touva is delivered in Moscow.

A letter from the philatelic bureau of the Universal Postal Union at Berne, Switzerland, is quoted:

"In reply to your inquiry of March 10, I have to inform you that no country of the name of 'Tannou Touva' is mentioned in the list of countries comprising the International Postal Union. On the other hand, it may be that a locality of this name, not provided with a post office, exists in one or other of the countries which are members of the Universal Postal Union.

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Several American firms have been pushing Tannou Touva stamps. In fairness to their own reputations as well as settling all doubts in the minds of collectors, they should offer a satisfactory explanation of where these adhesives are coming from and their true worth.

—Don Houseworth.

Some Ugly Stamps

Much space has been devoted in contemporary stamp magazines to opinions as to the most beautiful postage stamps. Nothing being settled on that end we are ready to advance a few candidates for the doubtful honors of ugliest stamps. The Indian states have done their share toward discouraging art-loving philatelists and next in line might be Crete No. 1, Haiti's 1904 issue; all Roman states and about seventy-six Turkish issues.

Pacific Island Coronation Stamp

We have received from our Australian correspondent, Mr. S. Zelenko, confirmation of the designs and denominations already announced for the Coronation issues of New Zealand, 1p, 2½p and 6p and the same stamps to be surcharged for Cook Islands and Niue, while for Papua, Nauru and New Guinea, there will be sets of four stamps all of the same general design with change of name at top, the denominations varying for the different islands.

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R. W. Speakman, Miami, Fla., cachet director for the C. of C., sends us a cover for Pan-American day celebration on April 14, with two neatly printed cachets, one in blue inscribed in Spanish and English and the other in red with map of the two continents. He also sent a cover of the Miami munny airport dedication last December and thanks for both covers. . . . David

Rosenthal of the Miami Philatelic Society sends a cover sponsored for Pan-American day and it was printed in blue. He says the club received more covers for this than any event held as yet. . . . Incidentally the two gentlemen mentioned designed the cachets used.

Ben Stone, Mt. Clemens, Mich., reports that he sent twelve covers on the flight of the First pursuit group from Selfridge to Langley Field, April 12. Typed cachet with signatures of A. D. Brewer, of board of trade, and F. R. Theobald, pilot of Plane 9. Posted at Mt. Clemens on the 12th at 9:30 a. m. and re-posted at Newport News at 8 p. m. the same day.

Copy of the cachet to be used by the publicity department of the Santa Catalina Island Co. on the anniversary of Glenn Martin's flight twenty-five years ago has been received and is a nice one. The Avalon cachet will be printed on covers bearing airmail rates only and plans are to carry the mail on one of Glenn Martin's China Clippers over the original route. Covers must be in the hands of the cachet director not later than May 8 or in the hands of the postmaster. Send either to Herbert A. Wegman or to P. M. James B. Ogden, Avalon, Calif. Address covers well to the right as the cachet requires space 3x3.

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The New York Museum of Science and Industry in Rockefeller Center announces a non-commercial exhibition of postage stamps for Oct. 2 to 10. Elaborate programs are scheduled for the exposition. Complete prospectus may be obtained from the museum.

Scott's No. 26, New South Wales, has often been called the grand old stamp of philately for this issue was in use for more than fifty years in the same color, printed from the same plate and produced by the same press.

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A ROUNDUP

It's a roundup when a call goes out to precancel collectors, other collectors call their meets by fancy names. In conjunction with the Annual Bourse and Exhibition of the Columbus Philatelic Club which is to be held May 15-16 at the Virginia Hotel in Columbus, a call is extended to all precancel collectors and dealers. A special room will be reserved for these gentry alone in which they may trade, buy and sell without the scolding gaze of the common rabble to disturb them. And don't forget this, not a single but a BLOCK of the rare Columbus B53 will be given as a door prize. Any precancel collector attending this meet will have a chance to win this and no strings attached. Be there without fail.

CHECK LIST

The Chicago Precancel Club has prepared blanks for the collectors of Bureau Coil Pairs to fill out showing just what they have in the different varieties of pairs. These blanks are so arranged that it will only take a few minutes to check a collection, and any collector interested in coil pairs at all should be interested enough to send for blanks and fill them out. The Chicago club hopes

to obtain some real definite data on coil pairs by this method and I think every collector should help them out. Write Joseph Whiteborough, 108 North Dearborn street, for blanks. I understand that prizes will be given applicants and a copy of the combined tabulation when the survey is completed.

U-9 FAMILY

A little chit-chat from the style chart. Now the U-9 illustrated in the chart is a blood brother of U-10 and U-11. They all practically came from the same case of type. U-9 has, as you must note, lower case letters in both the town and state name. There seems to be some first cousins to this style though. Take for instance Grand Forks, N. D., type 3, it's right in this family with this arrangement: The town name in caps and the state name of course with the first letter a cap but the balance in lower case. Then there is Fond du Lac, Wis., all caps but the "du." Then in reverse to the Grand Forks we have Manitowoc, Wis., with lower case letters finishing the town name but the state name all in caps. Manitowoc is also spaced like U-11. That is the letters in the town name are spaced. The farther you go into this the deeper you get. There still is more coming.

NOTES

The Precancel Star with a 1½c Bi-Cent from Long Prairie, Minn., U-14. The Echo with a pair of ½c Terminal Isl., Calif. It won't be long now till this will be a thing of the past as the April issue of the BEE tells that already permits are being cancelled to dealers. Publishers will be next, no doubt. Here are a few items from the collection of C. W. Sachs that will make the double line boys, as well as the Bi-cent collectors, take notice. All Bi-cent, 9c U-14 double invt. from Grand Rapids; 8c double nor. Pittsburgh U-14; 9c double nor. U-12 from Brocton, Mass.; and a 2c double nor. U-12 from New York City.

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"	253	.20	.20	
"	254	.20	.20	
"	719	.08	.08	
India-Patiala	75	.05	.05	
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"	189	.40	.15	
"	193	.30	.15	
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"	195	4.00	3.00	
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"	215	.08	.02	
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"	627	.10	.10	
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(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

BELGIUM—Additional new values. Lower value is typographed and higher is photogravure printing:

- 35c. green (shield design)
 - a. tete beche pair
 - b. Se-tenant pair, one stamp and one Colonial Lottery label
- 70c. olive bronze (King Leopold)
 - a. tete beche pair
 - b. Se-tenant pair, one stamp and one Colonial Lottery label

(R. Roberts)

CANAL ZONE — Postmaster at Balboa Heights advises that no definite date has been set for the issuance of the 14c Sibert stamp and that they may appear on sale anytime between May 1st., and July 15th.

(E. S. Betts)

COLOMBIAN REPUBLIC—Two new values and designs. Both upright rectangular format. perf. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$. wmkd. wavy lines:

- A159—1c. deep green (Simon Bolivar)
- A160—12c. deep blue (Tequendama Falls)

Barranquilla National Exposition Issue. Heralded in our notes of February 20th.

- A164—5c. violet brown (Exhibition Palace)
- A165—15c. blue (Stadium at Barranquilla)
- A166—50c. orange-brown (Monument to the Colors)

(Scott's Monthly Supplement)

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- A61—10m. deep purple (King Fuad)

(R. Roberts)

FRENCH EQUATORIAL AFRICA—Whitfield, King & Co. report that the stamps of the four Colonies forming this section—Gabon, Middle Congo, Chad and Ubangi—were to be withdrawn from use on April 15th.

GREAT BRITAIN—Another Edward Postage Due Stamp. So called because it is printed on the paper watermarked "ESR." Typographed, sheets of 240, perf. 14x14 $\frac{1}{2}$:

- 3d. violet

(R. Roberts)

Offices in Morocco. Line engraved, overprinted in two lines "MOROCCO AGENCIES." GvR watermark, perf. 11x12. Large type re-engraved die of G.B. printed by Waterlow & Sons:

- 5s. rose red

(R. Roberts)

JAPAN—New regular issue. Preliminary steps have been taken to change the designs on the present issue of 23 kinds of postage stamps. The majority of the present designs were decided upon in the year 1913 (2nd Year of Taisho) and are now considered out-of-date. Future issues will show more attention being paid to the beauty of design than in the present set. It is anticipated that it will take from a year to eighteen months to agree on complete designs.

(Karl Lewis)

Additional data on our notes of December 5, 1936. The stamps were only on sale in the Kwangtung district (i.e. South Manchuria). Dealers' orders for them from Japan were rushed to the Dairen head post office by cable and air mail, but there were not nearly enough stamps to go around, besides which local speculators got busy and endeavored to corner supplies.

Following are the quantities printed of the National Park set chronicled by us last July 25th: 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ sen—800,000; 3 sen—500,000; 6 sen and 10 sen—200,000 each.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

MEXICO—Air Post Stamp. Type of Air Post Stamp of 1934. Perf. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x10, wmkd. "Secretaria De Hacienda Mexico" close together:

- AP18—20c. lake

(Scott's Monthly Supplement)

We are informed that in the near future the current postage issue will commence appearing in a smaller size similar to that of the Mexico-Laredo Road commemoratives. One million copies were issued of the Health Congress commemorative noted by us March 20th. The stamp appeared for one week in December, but the actual congress was postponed from the middle of December until February.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

PORTUGAL—Air Post Stamps. Additional values in the design chronicled by us April 3d. Unwmkd. perf. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$:

- AP1—1.50c. dark blue
- AP1—2.50c. rose red
- AP1—5c. claret
- AP1—20c. deep brown

(R. Roberts)

SOUTHERN RHODESIA—We are officially informed that a special Coronation set will be issued in May. The announced values are 1d., 2d., 3d and 6d. Also a new permanent set of Postage Stamps is under consideration. (Whitfield, King & Co.)

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS—Kelantan. A complete new issue is in preparation in a design similar to that of the present \$1 showing H.H. the Sultan. Values and colors follow: 1c. yellow; 2c. green; 4c. orange; 5c. brown; 6c. red; 8c. olive-green; 10c. mauve; 12c. blue; 25c. orange and mauve; 30c. mauve and red; 40c. mauve and green; 50c. olive and yellow; \$1. yellow and green; \$2. brown and red; \$5. orange and red.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

SWEDEN—Under-noted, engraved, unwmkd. perf. 10 all round, on bleached paper. First from booklets of 20, other from sheets:

- A20—15 ore, rose-red

- A20—15 ore, brown

(R. Roberts)

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA—Types of 1926. Unwmkd. perf. 15x14:

- A7—1p. carmine & black

- A8—1p. carmine & black

(Scott's Monthly Supplement)

New printing from an entirely new plate. Rotogravure, sheets of 120 (6x20) wmkd. mult. Springbok, Kafir Kral design (fractionally smaller) similar plate to line engraved flat plate. The shading of the sky and the foreground are quite different and there are more lines in the background of the value tablets:

- A23—4p. brown

- A24—4p. brown

(R. Roberts)

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A cachet to commemorate Flag Day, June 14, and Independence Day, July 4, will be sponsored by Russell Court, 7262 Greenway Dr., St. Louis, Mo. Send covers and forwarding early. (Hot)

Raymond Aikin, R4, Slayton Settlement Rd., Lockport, N. Y., has taken up amateur radio as a hobby and wishes it announced here that he is no longer handling covers. He will care for such as he has on hand, but after that, no more. Sorry to see Raymond go. He produced some fine covers.

Allan E. Barnum, former mail clerk on the USS Stewart, had a mishap which put him in a hospital and he writes me that he no longer is on the ship and that when he returns to service he will not again be a mail clerk. Allan was a fine cooperator, but collectors must have made it tough for him, because his comment on their demands isn't so enthusiastic, to say the least.

Eugene Mueller, 8012 Kimbark avenue, Chicago, Ill., postcards that unless the collectors who have depended on him for their hand-drawn covers at least keep postage with him to frank the covers, there will be no more. Nuf sed.

Covers for the shakedown cruise of the Jarvis and Patterson will be handled by C. E. Pierson, 2122 6th street, Bremerton, Wash. Send about 10 for each ship, and include forwarding. Friend Pierson is on the Perkins, but has no space aboard to hold covers, and requests they be sent him at his home. He is back from the Perkins shakedown and sponsored some fine covers on this visit. He is holding covers for the commissioning of the Jarvis and Patterson and his shakedowns of these ships will round out a fine series. (Abhet)

Leslie Paulson, 25 Highland Terrace, Middletown, Conn., will mail on several pending events covers which he did not find an opportunity to mail last Navy Day. Friend Leslie is becoming active again, and collectors will do well to keep covers and forwarding with him.

President Roosevelt was scheduled to be in New Orleans around May 1 and Emil A. Thurman, 1338 St. Bernard avenue, that city, was to handle covers for same, with an appropriate cachet. This news reached me too late for last issue. Let it be pointed out, therefore, that collectors should at all times have a few covers standing on hand with cachet sponsors, and Emil is one of the finest.

Answering inquiries: While the ships are on maneuvers, address them as usual. The mail will reach them properly, with only a minimum of delay.

Again, please: Many of you write me. A few inclose postage for a reply, but a majority of you do not. Please inclose either a stamped addressed envelope when you want me to reply, or, at least, a post card, addressed to yourself.



Broadway Chatter

By Bi Stander



A wonderful example of the power of exchanging is the collection of used foreign airmails formed by S. W. Tichenor of Orange, N. J., who has 2200 different ones in his collection. We met Mr. Tichenor in a stamp dealer's office here and he told us his secret. He gets used airmails from friends, and after putting one in his collection he visits clubs to exchange his duplicates and if he has any left over then does the same thing with dealers. He boasts that his collection cost him, when we met him, the enormous sum of \$5.05 and was bemoaning the fact he had to spend a nickel for an airmail that a dealer would not part with on exchange.

Coronations in front of him, coronations soon in back of him, volleyed and thundered. Dough out of his pocketbook that'll make it as flat as a pancake, but the collector doesn't care for he will soon be filling up his album with the very pretty example of the stamp printer's art. We wonder if it will be double flagpoles, as was the case with the Silver Jubilees, that will get the old magnifying glasses working overtime. At any rate a good time should be had by all.

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As the U. S. government has lost more than \$500,000 during the first eleven months of the operation of the trans-Pacific mail, states the New York Sun in a despatch from its Washington correspondent, it looks very shaky for the continuance of this service as postal officials have been questioned by members of the house appropriation committee on the post office appropriation bill for 1938.

Further advice has been received that Amelia Earhart will resume her flight around the world the latter part of May. None of the 6,500 letters which were on board the plane when it crashed at Honolulu were damaged, and these have been cacheted advising the reason for the delay. A small number of covers will be placed on the second flight and will be included with the first flight covers. Gimbel Brothers again will be the exclusive agents for the second flight covers.

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